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HARLEM.

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SURPRISE!!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SAM!

Happy Birthday

FLIGHT

Once a social worker from Harlem, Sam Wilson's life changed forever when he gained high-tech wings and the ability to communicate with birds. It changed again when he inherited the mantle of Captain America from Steve Rogers. Though he turned away from the shield for a time to find his own path, now he's fighting the good fight once again as...

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When Sam Wilson's nemesis, the White Wolf, allied with Bucky Barnes in a plot that involved kidnapping Sam's partner and Steve Rogers' son, Ian Rogers, Sam and Steve teamed up to rescue Ian. The rescue mission took them into Ian's homeland, Dimension Z, where White Wolf used his interdimensional portal technology to unleash monsters on Earth in an attempt at a global takeover. The Captains America were able to defeat White Wolf and stop the onslaught, but at a cost: Ian chose to claim his birthright as Dimension Z's ruler and stay behind to rebuild his home for the better. With the battle won, Sam decided to return home too.

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WELCOME HOME, LITTLE BROTHER.

LITTLE? I RAISED YOU, GIDEON.

GLAD TO HAVE YOU BACK, UNC.

JODY CASPER! HOW LONG'S IT BEEN? I SEE THAT BEARD STILL AIN'T GROWN IN.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU! HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SAM WILSON! HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

YOU FIND ANY GOOD CHURCHES OUT THERE IN THOSE FOREIGN COUNTRIES?

THAT'S CLASSIFIED INFORMATION, MA'AM.

YOU GETTIN' GOOD AT AVOIDING IMPORTANT QUESTIONS, SAMUEL THOMAS WILSON.

WHAT GOOD IS HAVING ADVENTURES IF YOU CAN'T TELL NOBODY ABOUT 'EM? IF I HAD SUPER-POWERS, AIN'T NO WAY I'M KEEPIN' IT A SECRET.

ONLY SUPER-POWERS I GOT ARE TALKIN' TO BIRDS AND KEEPIN' *YOU* OUT OF TROUBLE.

KEEPIN' KIDS OUT OF TROUBLE IS JODY'S JOB NOW. HE'S VOLUNTEERING AT THE JAIL AND DOING COMMUNITY OUTREACH. SOCIAL WORK. FOLLOWING IN YOUR FOOTSTEPS.

THEY STILL ASK ABOUT YOU OVER AT MDC.* WE GOT A BOOK CLUB GOING. NEXT MONTH, WE'RE DOING MAYA ANGELOU.

*METROPOLITAN DETENTION CENTER, BROOKLYN.

SIGH

YOU AIN'T GOT YOUR DANCIN' SHOES ON, SAM.

HEY, MISTY. I COULDN'T KEEP UP WITH Y'ALL, IS ALL.

THAT WHY YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE AT A FUNERAL AND NOT YOUR OWN BIRTHDAY PARTY?

I JUST FEEL LIKE I GOT UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

SAM, YOU CAN'T *LIVE* IN THAT SUIT.

THE WHOLE TIME IN DIMENSION Z, I COULDN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT *JOAQUIN.*

GOING THROUGH WHAT HE'S GOING THROUGH, ALL THAT HELL, WORRIED THAT HE'LL LOSE CONTROL OF HIMSELF ANY MOMENT NOW BECAUSE OF WHAT WHITE WOLF DID TO HIM... I WASN'T THERE FOR HIM.

YES, YOU WERE. AND HE'S NOT ALONE. HE'S WITH FAMILY. JUST LIKE YOU ARE RIGHT NOW. YOU GOTTA GET REAL WITH YOURSELF.

ALL THAT TIME IN THE AIR, YOU CAN'T SEE WHAT'S ON THE GROUND.

THE PEOPLE WHO LOVE YOU AND WHO NEED YOU AREN'T SOMEWHERE YOU NEED WINGS TO GET TO. THEY'RE RIGHT THERE IN THAT LIVING ROOM.

AND THERE ARE A LOT OF THEM. WHATEVER HAPPENED TO SAM WILSON, LONE WOLF?

PLEASE DON'T SAY "WOLF." THAT'S A VERY...TRIGGERING... WORD RIGHT NOW.

I KNOW HOW BAD YOU ARE ABOUT TAKING DAYS OFF, BUT YOU REALLY NEED TO LEARN HOW TO SIT STILL AND LISTEN TO SOMEONE SAY "THANKS, YOU DID A GOOD JOB."

THANKS, MISTY. YOU'RE DOING A GOOD JOB.

NOW, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT I CAN'T JUST SIT HERE AND LISTEN TO *THE TEMPTATIONS* AND NOT DANCE.

SHE DON'T GET IT.

GET WHAT?

HAVING WINGS AND BEING TOLD NOT TO FLY.

SO, MISTY, I GOT US TICKETS TO THE APOLLO, AND THERE'S THIS NEW GUY, BOBBY MARX, AND HE'S ***HILARIOUS.*** WORD IS HE ROASTS SAM PRETTY GOOD IN HIS SET.

YOU THINK YOU COULD GET HIM TO COME ALONG?

YOU KNOW HOW MUCH I LOVE SEEING SAM BLUSH.

I ACTUALLY THINK IT MIGHT CHEER HIM UP.

MOHANNDA.

TILDA?

PRIME MINISTER SISULU, IF YOU'RE HERE TO ORDER ME TO STOP--

NO. I'VE JUST COME TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE SLEEPING. WHAT GOOD IS A MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WHO CANNOT STAY AWAKE DURING OUR BRIEFINGS?

I'M SO CLOSE. I KNOW THERE'S A WAY TO REVERSE THE MUTATION SO THAT JOAQUÍN CAN BE...

HUMAN?

WE DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH POISON WHITE WOLF CREATED. I'M NOT JUST DOING THIS FOR **FALCON.** I'M DOING THIS FOR **MOHANNDA.** IF THERE'S A WAY TO COUNTERACT THE EFFECTS OF THIS CHEMICAL THAT ALTERED JOAQUÍN TORRES, I'M GOING TO FIND IT.

AND YET YOU'VE AVOIDED THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION.

WILL HE EVEN WANT IT? THIS... CURE?

PRIME MINISTER, WHAT DO YOU MEAN? OF COURSE, HE'D WANT THIS. HE IS IN CONSTANT PAIN. WHAT HE CALLS HIS HUNGER IS RIPPING HIM APART. LOOK AT WHAT THE CHEMICAL IS DOING TO HIS MOLECULAR STRUCTURE!

IT'S IN CONSTANT BATTLE WITH HIS HEALING FACTOR. LIKE A BONE BREAKING AND RESETTING AND BREAKING AGAIN OVER AND OVER. WHO WOULD WANT THAT?

JUST BE SURE THAT IF YOU BRING THIS TO HIM, WHATEVER HAPPENS NEXT IS *HIS* CHOICE.

WE ARE NOT OUR ENEMY.

"HOW WE DOIN' TONIGHT? EVERYBODY GOOD? EVERYBODY CHECK THEIR COATS AND MUTANT POWERS AT THE DOOR? 'CAUSE IF I HEAR ONE *BAMF* OR *SNIKT* DURING MY SHOW--"

APOLLO

APOLLO

TONIGHT: BOBBY MARX

HA HA HA HA HA HA

--YOU'RE OUTIE LIKE A BELLY BUTTON. GONNA HAVE SECURITY SEND YOUR ASS TO A MIRROR DIMENSION.

AIN'T *NOTHIN'* EVER HAPPEN IN HARLEM. THAT'S WHY THE RENT BE GETTIN' SO DAMN HIGH. TWO THINGS THAT DON'T MAKE IT PAST 96TH STREET: *YELLOW CABS* AND *ARNIM ZOLA.*

THAT'S ONE GOOD THING ABOUT REDLINING. AIN'T NO AVENGERS MANSION GETTIN' BLOWN UP ON *MY* STREET, THAT'S FOR DAMN SURE.

I HEAR SAM WILSON'S BACK IN TOWN.

I KNOW, I KNOW. *FINALLY.* WE BEEN NEEDING A CITY-DESTROYING BATTLE. WE'RE OVERDUE. LIKE MY RENT. HEAR THAT, CAPTAIN AMERICA? TIME TO BRING THESE HARLEM LANDLORDS BACK IN LINE!

WOOOOOOOOOT!

HA HA HA HA HA

NO, BUT, SERIOUSLY. FEELS GOOD HAVIN' ONE OF HARLEM'S OWN HOLDING THE SHIELD. IT AIN'T REPARATIONS, THAT'S FOR SURE. BUT WE'LL TAKE IT, RIGHT?

GOT A REGULAR NAME TOO. HE'S MAYBE THE FIFTH "SAM WILSON" I KNOW! SAM WILSON? THAT'S MY COUSIN ON 138TH! YEAH, HE JUST GOT OUT LAST WEEK!

OH, YOU MEAN THE OTHER SAM WILSON? THAT DANG SOUNDCLOUD RAPPER, GOES BY LI'L BABY PHAT? ALWAYS BE OWIN' ME TWENTY?

ALL OF US GOT A SAM WILSON IN OUR LIVES.

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA

GUESS THAT MAKES US EMPTY NESTERS.

SONOITA, ARIZONA.

EEEK!

ABUELA MADE YOUR TEA.
AND YOU CAN MAKE OUR DINNER, LUISA.
RABBIT AGAIN?
WHO'S THAT?
GET INSIDE.
JOAQUÍN TORRES.

CAN WE TALK?

WE WERE ABLE TO ANALYZE THE COMPONENTS IN WHITE WOLF'S CHEMICAL COMPOUND AND HOW THEY INTERACTED WITH YOUR BLOODSTREAM. AND WITH HELP FROM OUR PARTNERS IN WAKANDA, WE...WELL...

...WE BELIEVE WE'VE FOUND A CURE.

YOU WHAT?

JOAQUÍN, WHAT WONDERFUL NEWS!

LATER...

<COUSIN, WHAT'S WRONG?>*

LUÍSA, IT'S JUST...IT'S A LOT. I... WE DON'T KNOW WHAT EFFECT THIS THING WILL HAVE ON ME.

WILL I LOSE THE LITTLE GOOD THAT CAME OUT OF WHAT HAPPENED WITH DR. MALUS? WILL I NO LONGER BE FALCON?

BESIDES, I'M GETTING A HANDLE ON IT. ABUELA'S TEA IS WORKING. I CAN FINALLY LOOK AT MYSELF IN THE MIRROR. I CAN CONTROL THE HUNGER, FOR THE MOST PART.

BUT, JOAQUÍN, YOU'RE IN CONSTANT PAIN. YOU THINK WE DON'T NOTICE, BUT ABUELA CRIES EVERY NIGHT PRAYING FOR YOU. THINK OF PACO.

BUT I CAN PROTECT YOU! EVEN LIKE THIS! I CAN STILL DO WHAT I NEED TO DO. I CAN... I CAN STILL BE A HERO. WHEN I'M FEELING WELL ENOUGH, I CAN GET BACK TO SAM, AND WE CAN--

*TRANSLATED FROM SPANISH.

WHAT ABOUT YOU, JOAQUÍN?

IF I TAKE IT... WILL I STILL BE ABLE TO FLY?

ME AND PACO WILL HOLD YOU UP. YOU WON'T EVEN FEEL THE DIFFERENCE.

CLIK CLIK

REDWING?

COOOO

BEEN TOO LONG, BUDDY.

JOAQUÍN?!

THAT'S THE MOHANNDAN FLAG. WHAT ARE THEY DOING HERE?

JOAQUÍN, IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT? WHAT ARE THE MOHANNDANS DOING HERE?

THEY'RE OFFERING ME A CURE.

SAM, WHAT DO I DO?

I'M STARTING TO GET IT UNDER CONTROL. I'M NOT AS DANGEROUS AS I WAS. BUT...

ARE YOU SCARED THIS WILL MAKE YOU WORSE?

I'M SCARED IT WILL CHANGE ME. CHANGE WHO I AM. WHAT IF I LOSE MY WINGS? WHAT IF I LOSE *REDWING*? WHAT IF I CAN'T... FIGHT ANYMORE?

WITH OR WITHOUT WINGS, YOU WILL ALWAYS BE JOAQUÍN TORRES. YOU WILL ALWAYS BE A HERO. ALWAYS.

I CAN'T TELL YOU WHAT TO DO, BUT I CAN TELL YOU THAT WHATEVER YOU CHOOSE, YOU HAVE MY FULL AND UNWAVERING SUPPORT.

WANNA FLY FOR A BIT?

I THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER ASK.

CAPTAIN AMERICA: SYMBOL OF TRUTH

TRUTH TELLERS

Dear Readers,

For the past year, I got to live a dream come true. Writing *Captain America: Symbol of Truth* has been one of the greatest honors I've ever received in my entire career. Looking back now, I relate to Sam Wilson more than I realized. Both of us were taking up a mantle, a name, that had existed for 82 years. Raising the shield means carrying all the history that comes with it, and I'm grateful I got to stand on the shoulders of giants the way I was able to with these stories. At the same time, we got to blaze new trails. I knew if I was going to do this, I couldn't travel down well-worn paths. Sam Wilson was--is--his own Captain America. In my hands, that's what I set out to make him. And what is Captain America without a nemesis? What is Captain America without a well-rounded supporting cast from so many varied corners of the Marvel Universe, people who could push and pull him, test him, challenge him, support him, enrich his spirit? Being Captain America, in my eyes, is always a team sport. And so is writing Captain America. This book would not exist without my fearless editor, Alanna Smith. O Captain, my Captain! A major shout-out also to assistant editor Kaitlyn Lindtvedt, whose every email in my inbox sent my heart soaring. R.B. Silva, it has been an honor to give you my words and watch you turn them into beautiful, devastating, thrilling art. Zé Carlos, Ig Guara, my goodness, thank you. Jesus Aburtov, Joe Caramagna, y'all did the dang thang. Every single cover artist who touched our book, whew! Kateri Woody, you know why. ;-) And, lastly, the readers. You took Sam Wilson to heights he could not reach with his wings alone. For that, you have my everlasting gratitude.

Shields up,

Tochi Onyebuchi

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